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FROM BUNKER

E.O.11652 GDS

TAGS ME

SUBJ ISRAELI POWS IN SYRIA

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER EBAN  
TO SECRETARY WHICH EBAN HANDED ME DEC 23.  
QTE DEAR SECRETARY OF STATE,

THE PEACE CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE EAST HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED  
AND ITS PATTERN OF WORK FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE HAS  
BEEN LAID DOWN. IT WAS A PRIVILEGE TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH YOU  
IN THIS IMPORTANT WORK.

I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF URGING YOU TO MAKE FURTHER  
ENQUIRIES AND REPRESENTATIONS IN DAMASCUS CONCERNING OUR  
PRISONERS-OF-WAR. THE UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THEM IS AGONIZING  
FOR THEIR FAMILIES AND COUNTRYMEN. THE GENEVA CONVENTION IS  
BEING VIOLATED. THE BITTERNESS IS VERY GREAT.

I AM SEEING THE PRESIDENT OF THE RED CROSS TODAY, BUT MY  
COLLEAGUES AND I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE A NEW STEP BY YOU IN  
THIS DIRECTION IN YOUR CAPACITY AS CO-CHAIRMAN.  
SECRET

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I AM WRITING IN SIMILAR TERMS TO THE OTHER CO-CHAIRMAN  
AND TO SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM WHO PRESIDED OVER THE  
INAUGURAL SESSIONS.

WITH CORDIAL GREETINGS TO YOU FOR THE NEW YEAR,  
ABBA EBAN UNQUOTE.  
BASSIN

SECRET

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